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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the cited documents, other than the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications, is enclosed.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

With regard to the foreign language references, where English-language equivalents or English-language Abstracts are not available, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider at least the figures of those references.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following copending applications and all of the documents cited therein:

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/163,085, naming Darko Pervan, Jan Peterson and Niklas Hakansson as inventors and filed on October 4, 2005 (cited herein as U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0073320A1 of April 6, 2006);

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/341,501, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on January 30, 2006 (cited herein as U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0117696A1 of June 8, 2006);

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/380,578, naming Darko Pervan and Tony Pervan as inventors and filed on April 27, 2006 (cited herein as U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0196139A1 of September 7, 2006);

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/509,718, naming Tony Pervan as inventor and filed on August 25, 2006 (cited herein as U. S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0283127A1 of December 21, 2006);

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/627,971, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on January 28, 2007 (cited herein as U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0119110A1 of May 31, 2007);

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/521,439, naming Jan Jacobsson and Peter Wingardh as inventors and filed on September 15, 2006;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/635,631, naming Jan Jacobsson as inventor and filed on December 8, 2006;

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U. S. Patent Application No. 11/649,837, naming Marcus Bergelin and Mats Nilsson as inventors and filed on January 5, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/575,600, naming Darko Pervan, Niclas Hakansson and Per Nygren as inventors and filed on March 20, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/806,478, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on May 31, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/770,771, naming Darko Pervan and Christian Boo as inventors and filed on June 29, 2007; and

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/775,885, naming Darko Pervan and Agne Palsson as inventors and filed on July 11, 2007.

The above-identified applications are available in electronic format according to the Private Pair Application Information Retrieval System (PAIRS), therefore not requiring copies to be enclosed.

In accordance with MPEP § 609 III C(2) (August 2001, page 600-131), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that these copending applications have been considered. By citation to the copending applications, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending applications under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists; and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art". If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute prior art under U. S. law, Applicant(s) reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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